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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT: TOP STORY IN POLISH MEDIA

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1. GIEREK'S VISIT IS NOW THE TOP STORY IN POLISH PRESS AND TELEVISION COVERAGE, EDGING OUT THE GDRS 25TH ANNIVERSARY. PRIME-TIME TELECASTS ON OCTOBER 7 DEVOTED THE FIRST TEN MINUTES TO GIEREK'S ARRIVAL; AMERICAN AND WORLD COMMENTARY ABOUT HIS VISIT; AND A BRIEF FILM TOUR OF WILLIAMSBURG, HIS FIRST STOP IN AMERICA. A PAP REPORT OF GIEREK'S FIRST DAY THERE GO BANNER HEADLINES IN VIRTUALLY ALL LEADING NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPERS. MOST ALSO INCLUDED PROMINENTLY A PAP SUMMARY OF FOREIGN COMMENTARY ABOUT THE VISIT, AND MAY CARRIED THEIR OWN VISIT-RELATED STORIES AND EDITORIAL COMMENT, AS WELL. TO ILLUSTRATE THE PERVASIVE NATURE OF THIS COVERAGE, THE OCTOBER 8 ISSUE OF PRZEGLAD SPORTOWY, WHICH DEALS PRIMARILY WITH SPORTING NEWS, DEVOTED OVER HALF ITS BACK PAGE TO AN ILLUSTRATED ARTICLE

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ON THE BIRTH OF SPORTS IN AMERICA AND AN ACCOMPANYING PAP ITEM

ON US-POLISH SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

2. THE SECRETARYS REMARKS TO NEWSMEN ON OCOBER 7 CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE WASHINGTON ATTACHES TO THE VISIT WERE QUOTED EXTENSIVELY IN ARTICLES DESCRIBING AMERICAN TTITUDES ON RECEIVING GIEREK. THESE ARTICLES UNDERSCORE SUCH THEMES AS THE DEGREE OF ATTENTION GIVEN TO POLAND (E.G. THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE'S 16 PAGE SUPPLEMENT), RECOGNITION OF POLAND AS A "DESIRED TRADE PARTNER", AND THE BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR US-POLISH RELATIONS. ECHOING THE SECRETARYS POINT THAT DETENTE SHOULD NOT BE LIMITED ONLY TO IMPROVMENT OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS, FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "IT WOULD BE AN ERROR TO REGARD POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS ONLY AS FUNCTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON". THIS QUOTE APPEARED IN THE BALTIMORE SU, ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE BY KAROL SZYNDZIELORZ IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY.

3. SINCE THE GDR ANNIVERSARY IS THE ONLY STORY POSSIBLY IN COMPETITION WITH THE GIEREK VISIT IN TERMS OF MEDIA COVERAGE, IT IS INTERESTEING TO NOTE THAT TRADE UNION LEADER WLADYSLAW KRUCZEK MENTIONED THE GIEREK VISIT IN HIS ADDRESS AT A CEREMONIAL CONCERT FOR THE GDR OCT 7 HERE IN WASRSAW.

4. COMMENT: OLSZOWSKIS STATEMENT, AS REPORTED IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY, IS UNUSUAL AND MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO OFFSET THE HEAVY EMPHASIS GIVEN DURING GROMYKOS RECENT VISIT HERE TO SOVIET-POLISH "COORDINATION" OF FOREIGN POLICY (WARSAW 6018).
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